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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 05 May 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 05 August 2004 to 05 October 2004.

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